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IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY

Production in steel works of the Soviet Zone.

1. The following quantities of stainless steel were exported jointly by the RIESA and HENNIGSDORF steel works :-

May 48: 865 tons to Czechoslovakia
2 Jun 48: 760 tons to RADOM
16 Jun 48: 280 tons to Czechoslovakia
Jul 48: 850 tons to Tschaentochau (German phonetic)
Aug 48: 1100 tons to RADOM
Sep 48: 1235 tons to IRTUSK (? IRKUTSK).

2. The following represents production (in tons) at HENNIGSDORF during the last three years :-

	<u>Pig iron</u>	<u>Crude steel</u>	<u>Rolled steel</u>
1946	130,000	110,000	80,000
1947	145,000	110,000	100,000
1948 (to 31 Oct)	180,000	200,000	140,000

3. Two new "mill trains" have been in operation at RIESA since Sept. 48. A new steel plate rolling mill, capable of rolling steel to a thickness of 30 mm. is being set up and is due to operate in Jun 1949.

4. Kupferwerk ILSENBURG.

The following consignments of sheet iron and steel were sent from Kupferwerk ILSENBURG to the U.S.S.R. during the period Jul - Oct 48 :-

	<u>Sheet iron</u>	<u>Sheet steel</u>	<u>Destination</u>
(a) Jul 48	350 tons	200 tons	RIGA
(b) Aug 48	-	460 tons	MINSK
(c) Sep 48	600 tons	250 tons	RIGA
(d) Oct 48	720 tons	420 tons	OMSK.

The works has a reserve of 220,000 tons of unrolled steel.